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Love EVM Style

by Catherine R.

Convocation Hall at the University of Alberta was packed for the Edmonton Vocal Minority concert February 19. "Love a la Carte", offered to the audience in the form of a menu, presented a variety of love songs.

A highlight of the evening was the Broadway medley arranged for gay and lesbian choirs. The men of the choir singing "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Out of My Hair" and the women chorusing "There Ain't Nothin' Like a Dame" brought peals of laughter and recognition from the audience.

The sets by Comfortable Shoes featuring Kathy Da Silva's original songs added another flavor to the evening's cuisine.

Dessert for the concert was three songs, written in support of the rights of gays and lesbians. The audience sang along while the choir spread out among them, small illuminated hearts glowing on their shirts in the darkened hall. Still singing, the choir handing out roses. It was a strong and beautiful performance.

On April 23 the EVM Presents "JUBA!" in concert. "JUBA" captures the spirit, pulse and rhythm of Africa with their entrancing vocals and contagious percussion. This is another EVM presentation that will be too good to miss.

Tickets for EVM Presents "Juba", on April 23, 8 p.m. at Convocation Hall, are available at South Side Sound, Boystown, the AIDS Network Cost is $8, $10 and $12 at the door.

Edmonton Pride '94 celebration in June

Edmonton's 1994 celebration of Gay and Lesbian Pride will be held June 17 through June 25. This year's theme is "Stonewall 25: a global celebration of Pride".

Ken Chalmers, Pride Co-chair, attended the International Gay and Lesbian Pride Association Conference in Houston, Texas last October where the theme was chosen. Edmonton's Pride committee voted to accept the theme in November of 1993.

Stonewall 25: a global celebration of Pride celebrates the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall riots in New York in 1969. Gays and lesbians had been organizing politically and trying to get protection from and under the laws in North America and around the globe long before the summer of 1969 but the Stonewall Riots, the act of physically fighting back against the oppressors, (symbolized by the police), gave birth to the modern notion of "Gay and Lesbian Pride."

A huge march on The United Nations Building in New York on Sunday, June 26 with representatives from all over the world (most of who will be in town for Gay Games IV) will make this truly "STONEWALL 25: a global celebration of pride."

Local graphic artists and designer Ken McRobbie designed the logo that our Pride committee adopted this year. The design features two inverted triangles, one red - one black, forming a square around the number 25 with STONEWALL across the top. This design will grace Edmonton's Pride 1994 poster and be available on square 1 1/2 inch buttons available in May to raise money for the Pride march on Whyte avenue. Expenses for the march, including licenses and insurance, are approximately $1000.

Sponsorship from The Roost and The Option Room will pay for the Pride poster.

Monthly meeting with representatives from LesBiGay groups in Edmonton are part of the process to plan Pride '94. Also there are three committees for volunteers to join to make Pride '94 happen:

Parade Committee - to marshall the parade, help GALA and Pride organize it and help groups who do not have banners or signs create them for the march.

Public Relations Committee - responsible for promoting and publicizing Edmonton Pride '94 by the Poster, program and press releases to mainstream and lesbigay media, in the city, province and nation.

Fundraising Committee - will sell the buttons for Pride '94 and work with PR committee to sell advertising in the Pride program.

To join a committee or for information on Pride '94 in Edmonton call Ken Chalmers at 488-5469 (eve) or Patricia Warren at 454-4932 (day).

Old and new, Borrowed - We're Blue

Some of our most popular books have grown legs and left us.

"Coming Out To Parents" and "Now That You Know" books on coming out often recommended by our counsellors are missing from the GLCCE library. We would like to have several copies of both books available for clients and members. If you would like to donate copies of these books please call the Gay and Lesbian Community center at 488-3234. We welcome any donations to the GLCCE library.

Wass ist DOS?

The Gay and Lesbian Community Center became the proud owners of an IBM type computer with Word Perfect and other programs last year. It is an older model (we mean WAY older) and defies deciphering by any current board member. We need a volunteer to boot it and see if it a) works and b) has any practical use. Leave a message for Paul at GLCCE 488-3234. Help us o' mighty chip-heads!

One ringy-dingy, two ringy-dingy

GLCCE is looking for volunteers who like to work sitting down. If you enjoy talking on the phone you may want to volunteer some time to help update GLCCE's inter-agency files. Please call GLCCE at 488-3234 and leave a message for Anne Erskine.

Education Committee

GLCCE is starting a committee to organize a speaker bureau and plan strategy around providing information to educate the Lesbigay community and mainstream society. Call Mary at 488-3234 (GLCCE) or at 439-5382.

Proud Marys

Edmonton Pride '94 is looking for volunteers for short or long term jobs.

Parade Committee is looking for parade marshalls and volunteers to help make banners and signs for organizations that do not have any. Call David Saunders at 487-2684.

Fundraising Committee is selling buttons and fridge magnets at various locations to finance Pride '94. Call Ken Chalmers at 488-5469.

Public Relations Committee is doing media PR and producing the Pride Program. Call Pat Warren at 454-4932 to join.

Peer Counsellors and Hosts with the Most-est

Congratulations to Doreen B. and Karen D., new GLCCE peer counsellors. Thanks to Keith T. for all his work training GLCCE staff. GLCCE would also like to welcome our latest group of hosts: Tony P., Brian D., Brian F., Rob B., and Deana V. If you would like to learn to host at GLCCE call Chris Teel at 488-3234 to register for upcoming training sessions.

Notes from the Board

Hi, I'm Ken Chalmers, your new GLCCE Co-chair. You may have seen me around flogging tickets and extolling the virtues of the GLCCE organization. The information-fundraising tables we've been setting up at The Roost/the Underground and at The Option Room have proven to be successful, (thank you both bars.) You'll be seeing the GLCCE table at many other venues.

This type of public relations is something that I see as a goal for GLCCE over my next year as co-chair - "exposure, exposure, exposure." We need to get the word out and let people know that this is their community centre, doing things for them!

Through exposure we can educate, increase volunteers and of course raise funds - all while having a great time!

I'm looking forward to the coming year and working with the new board. Our group has diverse individuals with different strengths and experience. I'm confident we will be successful in maintaining and improving GLCCE's outstanding reputation in our community. Drop by for a coffee, GLCCE is your centre and has something for everybody.

My name is Patricia Warren, Co-chair of the Gay and Lesbian Community Centre of Edmonton. GLCCE was faced with re-establishing itself after moving in late 1992. The hard work of the boards from 1992-93 and 1993-94 has brought GLCCE almost up to full steam.

Thanks to the efforts of Anne Erskine, Keith T. and Chris Teel, the GLCCE training program for hosts and counsellors has produced three batches of graduates. GLCCE, staffed totally by volunteers, is now open 5 nights a week and two afternoons, Wednesday and Saturday. We sometimes do not open due to last minute volunteer cancellation, but we try!

Thank you to the many people whose memberships pay to keep GLCCE open. Thank you to all the Centre Renters whose monthly donations keep the lights on, the coffee perking and the phone connected.

GLCCE's new mandate is to educate and provide information for anyone who wants it. Visit the centre and learn about the diversity in your community. Your support makes you part of the Gay and Lesbian Community Centre.

April Calendar

APRIL 15
Northern Chaps fetish club meets at Boots and Saddle 10242 106 St. at 9 p.m.

APRIL 16
Womonspace dance at Bonnie Doon Hall, 9240 - 93 St. 8 p.m. - 1 a.m. Women only!
Boystown is open until 2 a.m. after each Womonspace dance. Discounts with a dance stamp.

APRIL 17
Red Deer - Just People Equal Rights Society Meeting at 7 p.m. Phone 341-6823.

APRIL 18
Woman's Coming Out Group at GLCCE #104 11745 Jasper Ave. 7:30 p.m.

APRIL 20
Bi-lines bisexual network at GLCCE at 7 p.m.
MOVIE: M. Butterfly 9:30 p.m. at Princess Theatre 10337 Whyte Ave.

APRIL 23
EVM presents JUBA! in concert. 8 p.m. Convocation Hall at the University of Alberta. Tickets are $8 or $10 in advance, $12 at the door.

APRIL 30
GALACA dance in Red Deer at South Hill Community Hall 4726 34th St.

MAY 1
Pride Meeting at 2 p.m. at GLCCE for representatives from LesBiGay groups in Edmonton.

MAY 2
The Umbrella Group meets at Sunflower Cafe, 10020 103 St. at 6:30 p.m.
Coming Out Groups reunion. Participants in GLCCE Women's Coming Out Groups may want to come to this reunion to share experiences and reconnect. At GLCCE at 7:30 p.m.
Northern Chaps fetish club meets at Boots and Saddle 10242 106 St. at 9 p.m.

MAY 5-7
MOVIE: Philadelphia at the Princess Theatre 10337 Whyte Ave.

MAY 7
ASWAC Annual general meeting at Room 2-115 Education North, U of A at noon.

MAY 10
MOVIE: Salmonberries starring k.d. lang at Princess Theatre 7 p.m.

MAY 15
MOVIE: The Crying Game at Princess Theatre.

UPCOMING
Gay and Lesbian Parents workshop, look for information at GLCCE.
May 30 Meet and greet for all GLCCE hosts and counsellors with GLCCE board members.

INFORMATION LINES

Gay and Lesbian Community Centre
988-4018

Lesbian Lifeline of Womonspace
425-0511

GLCCE Newsletter is published 10 times a year. We accept information and articles (articles may be edited for clarity and size. Call Pat at 488-3234.

Weekly Events

MONDAY
GLCCE is open 7-10 p.m.
Monday at 8 Gay and Lesbian AA meeting. Call AA Central office at 424-5900.

TUESDAY
GLCCE open at 7-10 p.m.
Gays and Lesbian on Campus meets at Heritage Lounge in Athabasca Hall at 5 p.m.
Women Only Night at The Option Room 10148 105 St.
Shotgun Dancers meet at the Roost 10345 104 St. at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
Gay and Lesbian Community centre is open every Wed. afternoon from 1-4 p.m. and from 7-10 p.m. in the evening.
Gay and Lesbian AA meeting. Call AA Central office at 424-5900.

THURSDAY
GLCCE open 7-10 p.m.
GAYWIRE Radio Show is on CJSR 88.5 fm
GALOC women's Collective meets in Room 2-101 Education North.

FRIDAY
GLCCE open 7-10 p.m.
Recreational Badminton at Oliver School, 10210 117 St. 7:30
Mandate: Sober Gay and Lesbian AA meeting. Call AA Central office at 424-5900.

SATURDAY
GLCCE is open from noon-4 p.m. for drop-in
Pink Triangle Youth group meets at GLCCE at 8-10 p.m.

SUNDAY
Edmonton Vocal Minority rehearses every Sunday In Room --- Arts Building at U of A from 2
Greymac Group Gay and Lesbian AA meeting. Call AA central office 424-5900.
Metropolitan Community Church service at 7:15 p.m. in McDougal Church at 10086 Jasper Avenue.

At The Movies with Mary S.

Love and Human Remains: based on "Unidentified Human Remains and the True Nature of Love" Brad Fraser's critically acclaimed play about the myriads of love and desire. Denys Arcand, one of Canada's best director and a personal favourite, is best known for Jesus of Montreal. Denys Arcand, 1994, Ciniplex Odeon Theatres opened April 8.

M. Butterfly: Jeremy Irons stars in the story of a french diplomat's love affair with a Chinese transvestite he believed was a woman. David Cronenberg 1993, 99 mins. Princess Theatre, Wednesday, April 20, 9:30 p.m.

Zero Patience: Original, thoughtful, compelling and funny, Zero Patience is John Geyson's much talked about musical on the fetishization of blame during the age of AIDS. John Greyson, 1993, 100 mins. Princess Theatre April 29 - May 2. Members $5, Non-members $6.50.

Philadelphia: Tom Hanks won the Oscar for best actor as a young Guppie lawyer who struggles against societal homophobia when he is fired for having AIDS. Director Johnathan Demme jus touches on related issues as: racism and homophobia, the positive role of feminism against homphobia and the profligation of homophobia in African-American machismo. Taking over ten years to get to the screen, it is perhaps a dated but nonetheless moving story. Johnathan Demme, 1993, 123 mins. Princess Theatre, May 5-May 7.

Salmonberries: k.d. lang's first feature film. She play's a half-inuit woman who desires the town librarian. Not a straight(!)forward romance, lang attempts to span the differences of age and ethnicity in this tale of love and longing. Perry Adams, 1991, 93 mins. Princess Theatre, 7 p.m. May 10. $3/$5.

The Crying Game: For those who can't get enough of M. Butterfly. Neil Jordan, 1992, 110 mins. Princess Theatre, May 15. Members $1.50/Non-members $5.

Sorry We Scared U!

We admit to using scare tactics with last month's newsletter headline "GLCCE closing". We wanted to let mebers known how much it costs to run the centre, not start rumors about how badly the centre is doing.

GLCCE has always been poor. We have just been more vocal about it lately. Being under funded does not mean we are doing badly.

Several months ago, the board filed papers to be declared a charitable organization. It may take several more months until the application is processed, granted and we are able to issue tax deductible receipts for donations to the centre.

Until that time we are existing on the money from GLCCE memberships and generous donations from GLCCE Centre Renters. GLCCE members have been doing outreach and fundraising at The Roost and The Option Room. The Roost and the Imperial Court of the Wild Rose have held fundraisers for GLCCE in the past year. GLCCE is again sharing the Pride dance with Womonspace lesbian organization during Pride week, an excellent fundraiser.

A committee has been struck to further raise money for GLCCE. Call GLCCE at 488-3234 to join.

Care To Join Us?

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Write: PO Box 1852
Edmonton AB
T5K 2P2
488-3234 InfoLine 988-4018

GLCCE Offers:
- **Drop in and peer counselling**
- **Library facilities**
- **boardroom available for bookings**
- **an information bulletin board**
- **referrals for LesBiGay positive lawyers, doctors, counsellors etc.**
- **information on LesBiGay organizations in Edmonton.**

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Address _____

Postal Code _____ **Phone number** _____

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☐ **$15 fixed income** ☐ **$20 fixed income family**

☐ **Please contact me as a volunteer!**